

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 2-3, 24-26 and 32-40 as being unpatentable over "RFC 2977 -- Mobile IP Authentication, Authorization and Accounting Requirements" (RFC 2977) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0065785 to Tsuda and U.S. Patent No. 6,751,459 to Lee *et al.*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,760,444 to Leung.

The Examiner also indicated that claims 6-9, 13-15, 17 and 27 would be allowable if re-written in independent form to include the limitations of the base and intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicants amended independent claim 24 to include the allowable features of claim 6 (which depends from claim 24). Applicants also amended independent claim 24 to remove the feature of "transmitting to the subscriber's user equipment at least part of information required to obtain a certificate from the certificate provisioning gateway having the determined address," which is redundant in view of the added features of claim 6. Applicants also amended claim 24 for greater clarity. Applicants cancelled claim 6, and amended claims 8, 9, and 13 to correct their dependency.

Applicants thus contend that amended claim 24, and the claims depending from it, are allowable in that claim 24 now recites features the Examiner has indicated would be allowable.

Applicants amended claim 25 to include therewith the allowable features of claim 27 (which depends from claim 25). Applicants also amended independent claim 25 to remove the feature of "transmitting to the subscriber's user equipment at least part of information required to obtain a certificate from the certificate provisioning gateway having the determined address," which is redundant in view of the added features of claim 27. Applicants also amended claim 25 for greater clarity and to correct an antecedent problem. Applicants cancelled claim 27.

Applicants thus contend that amended claim 25 is allowable in that it now recites features the Examiner has indicated would be allowable.

Applicants also amended claim 26 to include therewith the allowable features of claim 14 (which depends from claim 26). Applicants also amended independent claim 26 to remove the feature of "transmitting to the subscriber's user equipment at least part of information required to

obtain a certificate from the certificate provisioning gateway having the determined address," which is redundant in view of the added features of claim 14. Applicants also amended claim 26 for greater clarity. Applicants cancelled claim 14, and amended claims 15 and 17 to correct their dependency.

Applicants thus contend that amended claim 26, and the claims depending from it, are allowable in that claim 26 now recites features the Examiner has indicated would be allowable.

Applicants also amended independent claims 2, 3, and 32-36 to include features similar to the features of allowable claim 27 (such features having been included in now allowable claim 25). Applicants also amended claims 3 and 32-36 for greater clarity and/or to correct a number of antecedent problems.


Applicants therefore contend that independent claims 2, 3 and 32-36 (as well as the respective claims depending from them) are all allowable for reciting features similar to the features of allowable claim 25, including the allowable features of previous claim 27.

CONCLUDING COMMENTS

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment. Applicants ask that all claims be allowed.

If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 39700-583001US/NC37029US.

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